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In re the Application of: **Takayuki UCHIDA**

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For: **RECORDING MEDIUM STORING HEIRARCHICAL INFORMATION,  
INFORMATION RETRIEVING DEVICE, INFORMATION RETRIEVING  
SYSTEM, INFORMATION RETRIEVING METHOD, INFORMATION  
RETRIEVING COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING  
SUCH COMPUTER PROGRAM**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows: